

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CENSORS



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EJNER J. JOHNSON  
SECRETARY

September 20, 1979

Honorable Ejner Johnson, Secretary  
Department of Licensing and Regulation  
One South Calvert Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Maryland State Board of Censors submits herewith its Sixty-Third Annual Report. This report summarizes the operations of this Board 1978-1979 Fiscal Year, and is pursuant to Section 9, Article 66-A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Board has consistently sought to maintain contemporary community standards of decency in film entertainment, while following the expressed guidelines of the Legislature and the Courts of Maryland.

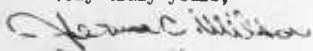
It is our responsibility to view films and to approved or reject them. Films that are rejected are those judged by the Board to cater to prurient interests, contain patently offensive representations of ultimate sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, which taken as a whole lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value. We have been greatly assisted in our review effort by the State's Assistant Attorney General.

The Board has reviewed 457 films during the recently concluded Fiscal Year. Seven (7) of them have been modified before presentation to Maryland audiences and nine (9) have been rejected in their entirety. The Board has processed 4294 duplicate seals and 33 substitute seals.

Additionally our inspectional staff has performed 4095 inspections and uncovered 715 violations.

The Board believes that certain Legislative changes in Board Policy need to be made in the areas of fee structure, name of Board, etc., but we believe that these changes should await the outcome of the Sunset Committee's Report, and Legislative deliberation.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerusa C. Wilson  
President

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## SUMMARY OF BOARD'S ACTIVITIES

### REVIEW OF FILMS

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
1. Films Reviewed and approved	441
2. Films Reviewed and modified	7
3. Films Reviewed and rejected	9
4. Total Films Viewed	457

APPROVED FILMS - FISCAL YEAR 1979

Agatha  
Alien  
All Things Bright and Beautiful  
Almost Summer  
Amittyville Horror, the (Trailer)  
Anamesa Se Dio Gynekes (Between Two Women)  
Angry Guest  
Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again, The  
Ashanti  
Ask My Love From God  
Assassin, The  
Autumn Leaves  
Autumn Sonata  
Avalanche  
  
Bambi Meets Godzilla (Trailer)  
Battlestar Galactica  
Bell Jar, The  
Bermuda Triangle, The  
Beyond Poseidon Adventure (Trailer)  
Beyond The Door II  
Big Family, The  
Big Fix, The  
Big Holdup, The  
Black Jack  
Blackout  
Black Tavern, The  
Black Trash  
Blood Brothers (Trailer)  
Blood Brothers  
Blood Line (Trailer)  
Blood Line  
Bloody Fists, The  
Boot Hill  
Born Again  
Boulevard Nights  
Boxer From Shan Tung  
The Boys From Brazil  
Brass Target  
Brave Archer Part II, The  
Bread and Chocolate  
Breaking Away  
Brinks Job, The  
Broken Oath

Bronson Lee Champion  
Bruce Lee Fights Back From the Grave  
Bruce Lee The Invincible  
Buck Rogers  
Buckstone County Prison  
Butch and Sundance - The Early Days

California Dreaming  
California Suite (Trailer)  
California Suite  
Call Me Dragon  
Caravans  
Case, The (Jiken)  
Cat From Outer Space, The  
Challenge of Death  
Champ, The (Trailer)  
Champ, The  
Cheerleaders Beach Party  
Cherry Hill High  
China Syndrome, The  
Chinese Boxer, The  
Circle of Iron  
Clan of Amazons  
Clans of Intrigue  
Class of Miss Mac Micheal, The  
Clutcher of Power, The  
Coach  
Cocaine Fiends, The  
Coffee, Wine and Lemon Juice  
Comes A Horseman  
Come Haunt With Me  
Con Artists  
Confessions of a Private Secretary  
Contract, The  
Convention Girls  
Convoy Buddies  
Count Dracula and His Vampire Bride  
Crooks, The  
Curse of the Devil

Dammed, The  
Dawn of the Dead  
Days of Heaven  
Dead Strippers  
Deadly Strike

Dear Brothers  
Dear Inspector  
Death Dimension  
Death On The Nile (Trailer)  
Death On The Nile  
Deer Hunter, The  
Delinquent, The  
Demoniacs  
Dirty Tiger, Crazy Frog  
Dragon Swamp  
Dream of Passion, A (Trailer)  
Dream of Passion, A  
Dream of the Red Chamber  
Dreamer  
Dream of Eroticism  
Drunk Monkey In The Tigers Eye  
Dual Flying Kicks  
Duellists, The

Eagle's Claws  
Edge of Fury  
Eighteen Jade Arhats, The  
Empress Dowager, The  
Empress Wu  
Enchanting Shadow  
Enter The Fat Dragon  
Enter The Panther  
Eraser Head  
Escape From Alcatraz  
Escort Girls  
Eternal Obsession, The  
Eunuch, The  
Everlasting Love, An  
Every Which Way But Loose  
Evictors, The  
Executioners From Shaolin  
Eyeball  
Eyes of Laura Mars

Fast Break (Trailer)  
Fast Break  
Fast Charlie - The Moon Beam Rider  
Fatal Flying Guillotines  
Fatal Needles Fatal Fist  
Femmes Fatales  
Fifth Musketeer  
Fiona  
Fire Power

Fists of Bruce-Li  
Five Days From Home  
Five Shaolin Masters  
Five Venoms, The  
Flash Legs, The  
Flowers in a Rainny Night  
Flower Under Rain of Love  
Flying Guillotine, Part II  
Follow the Stars  
Footloose Fox  
Force Ten From Navarone (Trailer)  
Force Ten From Navarone  
For Whom To Be Murdered  
Foul Play  
Four Riders  
French Detective, The  
Frisco Kid, The  
Fun Hong Kong Style  
Furious Monk From Shaolin, The

Game of Death  
Game Show Models  
Generation Gap, The  
Get Out Your Handkerchiefs  
Girlfriends  
Girl From Starship Venus, The  
Glacier Fox, The  
Glove, The  
Going Coconuts  
Goin' South  
Golden Girl  
Good Guys Wear Black  
Gossip Street  
Great Train Robbery, The  
Greatest Plot, The  
Green Jade Statuette, The

Hair  
Half Of Loaf Of Kung Fu  
Halloween  
Hanover Street  
Hardcore (Trailer)  
Hardcore  
He Has Nothing But Kung Fu  
Heros of Sung  
Hero Tatoo With Nine Dragons, The  
Heroes Two  
Heroic Ones, The



High Rolling  
Highschool Girl  
Hi-Riders  
Hitter, The  
Hollywood Hillside Strangler  
Hollywood Meat Cleaver Massacre  
Hooper  
Hot Lead and Cold Feet  
Hots  
Hot Stuff  
Hurricane

Ice Castles  
I Kori Mou I Socialistria (My Daughter The Socialist)  
Immortal Warriors  
Inheritance, The  
In-Laws, The  
Innocent, The  
Innocent Lust  
In Praise of Older Women  
Interiors  
International Velvet  
Inubue (The Gold Whistle)  
Invasion of Body Snatchers (Trailer)  
Invasion of Body Snatchers  
Invincible Armour, The  
Invincible Swordswoman, The  
Iron Fisted Monk, The  
Iron Monkey, The  
Iron Profligate, The  
It's Not The Size That Counts

Jade Tiger  
Jeet Kung The Claws & The Supreme Kung Fu  
Jokes My Folks Never Told Me  
Journey of Love, A  
Judgement of An Assassin

Kids Are All Right, The  
King of the Gypsies, The  
Kiss of Death, The  
Kootei No Inai Hachigatsu (August Without the Emperor)  
Kung Fu Gold  
Kung Fu Means Fist, Strike and Swords

Lace Maker, The  
Lady Hermit

Last Challenge of the Dragon  
Last Embrace  
Last Strike  
Last Wave, The  
Layout,  
Legend of the Bat  
Legends of Lust  
Legend of Purple Hairpin, The  
Let's Make a Dirty Movie  
Life Gamble  
Little Romance, A  
Lizard, The  
Lord of the Rings, The (Trailer)  
Lord of the Rings (Animated Cartoon)  
Lost and Found  
Love At First Bite  
Love, Diploma, Blue Jean  
Love On A Foggy River  
Love On The Run  
Love's Many Faces  
Love Rebellion, The  
Love Rings A Bell  
Lovers Destiny  
A Love Seed

Mad Monk, The  
Mad Monk Strikes Again, The  
Madame Rosa  
Madam White Snake  
Magic  
Magic Blade, The  
Magic of Lassie, The  
Magnificent, The  
Mag Wheels  
Main Event, The (Trailer)  
Main Event, The  
Malibu Beach  
Manhattan  
Man of Iron  
Man Who Loved Women, The  
Master of the Flying Guillotine  
Master Killer  
Message From Space  
Midnight Express  
Miyamoto Musashi (The Samurai)  
Moment By Moment  
Moon and Bird In The Mist

Moon Racker (Trailer)  
Moon Racker  
Morning Fog  
Movie, Movie  
Muppet Movie, The  
Murder By Degree  
Murder On The Wedding Night  
Mysterious Foot-Works on Kung Fu

Naked Comes The Huntress  
National Lampoon's Animal House  
Naughty Cheerleaders (The)  
Naughty Freshmen  
Negotiation  
News Front  
News Hen  
Night Creature  
Nightmare County  
Nightmare In Blood  
Night Wing  
9/30/55  
No Time For Breakfast  
Norma Rae  
Norseman, The  
North Avenue Irregulars, The  
Nurse Sherri

Oath of Death, The  
Old Boyfriends  
Oliver's Story  
Once More In The Evening  
One Foot Crane  
Operations of Spring Wind, The  
An Orgy of Cartoons  
Oriental Playgirls  
Otoko Wa Tsuraiyo (The Happy Man)

Pai Yun King  
Paradise Alley  
Passage, The  
Passion Plantation  
Perfect Couple, A  
Persuit of Vengeance  
Phantasm  
Picnic At Hanging Rock  
Pin Up Playmates  
Piranha

Pirate, The  
Players  
Poco  
Prisoner of Zenda, The  
Private Eyes, The  
Promise, The  
Prophecy  
Proud Youth, The  
Providence  
Psychic, The  
Psychopath

Queens Ransom, A  
Quintet

Ravagers  
Real Bruce Lee, The  
Real Life  
Restless  
Revenge of the Pink Panther, The  
Revenge of Shaolin Kid  
Revenge of the Street Fighter  
Richard Pryor Live In Concert  
Rikisha Kuri, The  
Rituals  
Robin  
Rocky II (Trailer)  
Rocky II

Saint Jack  
Same Time Next Year  
Samurai, The  
Secrets  
Secret Rivals Part II, The  
Secret of the Shaolin Poles  
Se Eho Anangi Apopse Poli (I Need You Tonight)  
Seniors, The  
Sentimental Swordsman, The  
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band  
Shadow Boxer, The  
Shaolin Avengers  
Shaolin Hand Lock  
Shaolin Invincible Sticks  
Shaolin King Boxer, The  
Shaolin Mantis  
Shaolin Martial Arts  
Shaolin Temple, The  
Slave of Love, A

Sha-Yen Chin  
Sinful Confession  
Six Thousand Dollar Nigger, The  
Skateboard  
Slow Dancing In The Big City  
Small One, The  
Smokey and The Good Time Outlaws  
Snake In The Eagle's Shadow  
Snake Woman's Marriage  
Snuff-Bottle Connection  
Somebody Killed Her Husband  
Someone Is Killing The Great Chefs of Europe  
Soul Brothers of Kung-Fu  
Soul of the Sword, The  
Spawn of the Slithis  
Spiritual Boxer, The  
Spiritual Kung Fu  
Star Crash  
Story of the Dragon, The  
Story of Green House, The  
Strange Things Happen At Night  
Strife For Mastery  
Sundance Cassidy and Butch the Kid  
Sunny Side  
Super Dragon  
Superman (Trailer)  
Superman  
Swarm, The  
Sweater Girls

Talpei 1977  
Take All Of Me  
Take Down  
Tarzoon Shame of the Jungle  
Taxi Driver, The  
Team Mates  
Teasers Go To Paris, The  
Teenage Nightmare  
Tempermont of Live  
10 (Trailer)  
Terror House  
Their Private Lives  
They Went That-A-Way  
36th Chamber of Shaolin, The  
Thousand Miles Escort  
Three Minutes Past Nine  
Three Way Love

Tilt  
To Kill A Jaguar  
Tomcats  
Ton Arapi Kai An Ton Plenis To Sapouni Sou Halas  
(The Negro If You Wash He Is Still Black)  
Trilogy of Swordsmanship  
20th Century Oz  
Two Face of Love

Uncle Joe Shannon  
Unique Lama, The  
Up In Smoke

Vampire Hookers  
Vengeful Beauty, The  
Very Big Withdrawal, A  
Victory  
Villain, The  
Violette  
Viva Italia  
Voices  
Voyage of Emperor Chien Lung, The

Walk Proud  
Warlock of the Battlefield  
Warriors, The (Trailer)  
Warriors, The  
Water Margin, The  
Watership Down  
Way of the Dragon, The  
Ways of Kung Fu, The  
Wedding, A  
What Price & Stardom  
When You Comin' Back Red Ryder  
Who'll Stop The Rain  
Wicked Die Slow, The  
Wife Mistress  
Wild Geese, The  
Winter Kills  
Wiz, The  
Women On Fire

Yellow Panther, The  
Young Cycle Girls, The

SEVEN (7) FILMS APPROVED WITH ELIMINATIONS

All American Girl, The  
Disco Madness  
Facet of Love  
I Want More  
A Matter of Love  
Moods of Love  
Sensual Pleasures

NINE (9) REJECTED FILMS AND THE SUBSEQUENT ACTION  
ON THEM

Big Thumbs - Rejected and Withdrawn August 15, 1978.

Big Thumbs - Resubmitted, Rejected and Withdrawn -  
May 3, 1979.

Fairy Tales - Rejected and Withdrawn on September 6,  
1978.

Please - Try My Wife - Rejected and Withdrawn April 24,  
1979.

Ping Pong - Rejected and Withdrawn July 20, 1978.

Homocides (The Criminals Part II) Rejected and With-  
drawn September 25, 1978.

Sex World - Rejected and Withdrawn September 7, 1978.

Soft Places - Rejected and Withdrawn October 24, 1978.

Wanda The Wicked Warden - Rejected and Withdrawn  
January 17, 1979.

# INSPECTION TOTALS - FISCAL 1979

MONTH	THEATRES VISITED	FILMS INSPECTED	VIOLATIONS
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7/78	331	458	67
8/78	252	327	57
9/78	177	200	52
10/78	217	345	90
11/78	243	351	75
12/78	217	275	51
1/79	314	393	48
2/79	125	160	32
3/79	329	441	81
4/79	155	251	25
5/79	259	403	61
6/79	356	491	76

1st Quarter	760	985	176
2nd Quarter	677	971	216
3rd Quarter	768	994	161
4th Quarter	770	1145	162

TOTAL	2975	4095	715
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1979 Fiscal year, of 457 films submitted to the Board for licensing and approval only 217 films carried the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

Breakdown of those films rated are as follows:

Code	G	- 12
	PG	-112
	R	- 89
	X	- 4
Total		<u>217</u>

240 films did not carry the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America when submitted for approval.



## INSPECTIONS:

The Board employs one full time Chief Inspector who supervises the duties and assignments of thirteen (13) part-time inspectors. The inspectors are assigned various theatres throughout the State of Maryland to check periodically. There are approximately 250 theatres within the State of Maryland. Inspections of theatres are made to insure the compliance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 66-A, and the Board's Rules and Regulations, to determine if films ruled obscene or films never submitted to the Board are being exhibited in the State, and to insure that the Board's Seal of Approval is displayed or exhibited on the screen. Inspectors are also required to periodically view films in theatres to determine if, deletions ordered by the Board are made in all the prints of each film that is exhibited in the State.

Specific inspections of certain theatres were made in instances where routine inspections showed flagrant violations of the Law in exhibiting films without the Board's Seal of Approval, exhibiting films containing matter which was ordered deleted or containing matter which was not therein when approved and licensed by the Board.

Routine inspections and undercover inspections were used to gather information for search and seizure warrants for use in raids conducted during the fiscal year.

During the fiscal year, a total of 4095 films were inspected during 2975 visits made to theatres throughout the State. There were a total of 715 violations of the Board's statute, of which, 90% involved Article 66-A, Secion22, the Failure to Display the Board's Seal of Approval.

INVESTIGATIONS: (Conducted by the Maryland State Board of Censors)

October 10, 1978, the MSBoFC with assistance from Montgomery County Police Officers seized the film entitled "The Lace-maker" from the Baronet West Twin Theatres, located Old Georgetown Rd. & Woodmont Ave. in Bethesda. The film was exhibited in violation of Article 66-A, Section 19B.

October 14, 1978, the Film, "Bel Ami" and excerpts from the films "Deep Throat" and "Every Inch A Lady" were exhibited in Skinner Hall, on the Campus of the University of Maryland, College Park. The Faculty Sponsor for the Student Organization, "Company Cinemateque", James D. McKenzie, Jr. was ordered by the Campus Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, William L. Thomas, to stop showing films indefinitely because of the action.

February 5, 1979, the MSBoFC, with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad, raided the Earle Theatre, located at 4847 Belair Rd., Baltimore City and confiscated the film "Up", which was exhibited in violation of Article 66-A, Section 21. Film carrying the Approval Seal of the Board that was not put there by the action of the Board. Two employees arrested and charged.

Verdict - Guilty.

May 10, 1979, the MSBoFC, with assistance from the Baltimore City Vice Squad, raided the Gayety Plaza Theatre, located at 404 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore City and confiscated (2) untitled films and various other films and reels. The films were exhibited in violation of Article 66-A, Section 19b. Two employees arrested and charged.

Verdict - Pending.

## PEEP SHOWS:

### Meetings:

The Board held a meeting in reference to "Peep Show" operations on September 28, 1978, at which representatives from; the Attorney General's Office, The Vic Squads of Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore Co, Dorchester Co., Harford Co., Montgomery Co., Prince Georges Co. and Salisbury City; State Attorney's from Anne Arundel Co., Baltimore Co., Wicomico Co. and Harford Co. were present. The Board held this meeting because of the State-wide problem, the failure to have peep shows censored by the Board and complaints regarding their exhibition. The Board stated that it would like to secure co-operation from all parties concerned to assist in controlling the problem. The Board has made all of their staff and employees available to assist those concerned parties in the resolution of this problem.

### Raids:

During the months of October 1978 and November 1978 raids were made on the following establishments for exhibiting "Peep Show" type films in violation of Article 66-A, Section 19B.

Fayette News - 205 W. Fayette St., Baltimore City  
Follies Books - 4 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore City  
Book Nook, Inc. - 1825 N. Charles St., Baltimore City  
Ellwest Theatres, Inc.- 7 N. Guilford Ave., Baltimore City  
Sweden Books - 401 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore City  
Troc Pleasure Palace - 402-02 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore City

Raids were also conducted during the Fiscal Year in Prince Georges Co., and in Baltimore Co. on establishments exhibiting "Peep Show" type films in violation of Article 66-A, Section 19B. Several Hundred "Peep Show" type films were confiscated in the afore mentioned raids.

### PEEP SHOW TRIALS:

Francis L. Pollard, Jr., Chief Inspector for the Maryland State Board of Censors was called upon to testify in court in many cases where "Peep Shows" were confiscated by the Police Departments, for violations of the Censor Board's statute. Testimony of this type is made available upon request in any case involving possible violations of the Board's statute.

# MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CENSORS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING - JUNE 30, 1979

Receipts, Licensing Fees .....	\$12,406.50
Budget Appropriation .....	85,027.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries .....	63,880.63
Technical and Special .....	1,115.46
Communication .....	1,682.51
Travel .....	2,856.66
Contractual Services .....	254.00
Supplies and Materials .....	5,651.27
Additional Equipment .....	-
Fixed Charges .....	<u>9,583.50</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.. \$85,024.03

Unexpended Appropriations as of	
June 30, 1979 .....	\$2.97